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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* in WC Docket Nos. 13-184, 02-60; Modernizing the E-rate Program for Schools and Libraries and the Rural Health Care Universal Service Support Mechanism

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with the Commission's rules<sup>1</sup> please accept this notice of an *ex parte* presentation by representative members of The Quilt in connection with the above-captioned proceedings. On Tuesday, April 25, 2017, undersigned counsel and Jen Leasure, President and CEO of The Quilt, Mark Johnson from MCNC, Jeff Letourneau from Networkmaine, Ray Timothy from the Utah Education and Telehealth Network, John Gillispie and Chip Byers from the Missouri Research and Education Network, Pankaj Shah from the Lonestar Education and Research Network, and Steven Fulkerson from the Arkansas Research and Education Optical Network met with Jay Schwarz, Acting Wireline Advisor to Chairman Pai, and the following individuals from the Wireline Competition Bureau: Kris Monteith, Acting Chief; Madeleine Findley, Deputy Chief; Daniel Kahn, Chief, Competition Policy Division; Aaron Garza, Deputy Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division; Radhika Karmarkar, Deputy Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division. We also met separately with Amy Bender, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner O'Rielly, and Claude Aiken, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn.

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.

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The Quilt is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization representing over thirty-five of the nation's not-for-profit advanced Research & Education (R&E) networks in states across the country. Quilt members' primary mission is to meet the specialized needs of research and higher education, although some R&E networks also serve other non-profit anchor institutions. The purpose of our meetings was to discuss the important role played in each state's broadband ecosystem by R&E networks as neutral facilitators of broadband solutions tailored to the unique conditions across each state. We discussed the different ways R&E networks work with a variety of partners to bring broadband to unserved and underserved areas. We also discussed how universal service funding from the modernized E-rate program and Healthcare Connect Fund are benefiting targeted program recipients in their states.

Sincerely,



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